

What is claimed is:

Sub B¹ → 1. An animal excretions-treating material comprises ^{ing} particles, each particle being composed of a core layer of fibers and a skin layer to cover the core layer, the skin layer containing α -starch and fibers.

Sub A¹ 2. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, wherein the fibers constituting the skin layer are short fibers having a mean fiber length of from 0.02 to 1 mm.

3. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, wherein the mean particle size of the α -starch in the skin layer is at most 0.25 mm.

Sub A² 4. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition of the skin layer is in a ratio of α -starch to fibers falling between 20 to 80 and 80 to 20.

5. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, wherein the fibers in the skin layer are those of pulp.

6. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, wherein the α -starch in the skin layer is tapioca

α -starch.

7. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, wherein the fibers in the core layer are those of pulp.

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A 2 } 8. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, which has a bulk density falling between 0.1 and 0.5 g/cm³.

9. The animal excretions-treating material as set forth in claim 1, the particle has a diameter falling between 2 and 20 mm.